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CONTROL-RELATED ARTICLES

1. WASHINGTON POST: "SDI SEEN UNLIKELY TO GIVE U.S. AN EDGE OVER SOVIETS," BY R. JEFFREY SMITH.

BEGIN EXCERPT: THE PENTAGON'S PROPOSED DEPLOYMENT OF A "STAR WARS" MISSILE DEFENSE SYSTEM IN THE MID-1990S WOULD COMMIT THE U.S. TO A COSTLY STRUGGLE FOR CONTROL OF OUTER SPACE WITH LITTLE ASSURANCE OF TECHNICAL OR STRATEGIC VICTORY OVER THE USSR, THE CONGRESSIONAL OFFICE OF TECHNOLOGY ASSESSMENT (OTA) SAID YESTERDAY. IF THE SUPERPOWERS CANNOT AGREE ON OUTER SPACE ARMS CONTROLS, "WE SHOULD EXPECT...AN INTENSE COMPETITION BETWEEN THE SUPERPOWERS FOR THE CONTROL OF NEAR-EARTH SPACE," THE NONPARTISAN SCIENTIFIC GROUP SAID AFTER A TWO-YEAR STUDY OF PRESIDENT REAGAN'S STRATEGIC DEFENSE INITIATIVE (SDI) PROGRAM. THOMAS KARAS, OTA STUDY DIRECTOR, NOTED THAT THIS PREDICTION CONTRASTS SHARPLY WITH REAGAN'S STATEMENT AT A MOSCOW NEWS CONFERENCE LAST WEEK THAT DEPLOYMENT OF AN SDI "DEFENSIVE WEAPON...WOULD CLEAR MISSILES TO GET THROUGH" TO THE U.S. END EXCERPT.

2. NEW YORK TIMES: "DENMARK AGREES ON NUCLEAR POLICY," BY MICHAEL R. GORDON.

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BEGIN EXCERPT: DENMARK AND THE U.S. HAVE RESOLVED THEIR DISPUTE ABOUT WHETHER NATO SHIPS ARMED WITH NUCLEAR WEAPONS CAN VISIT DANISH PORTS, OFFICIALS OF BOTH COUNTRIES ANNOUNCED TODAY. UNDER THE UNDERSTANDING THAT WAS REACHED, NATO SHIPS WILL BE ABLE TO VISIT DANISH PORTS WITHOUT CONFIRMING OR DENYING WHETHER THEY CARRY NUCLEAR WEAPONS, AMERICAN OFFICIALS SAID. STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS SAID THIS ACHIEVED THE AMERICAN GOAL BY PROTECTING A LONGSTANDING POLICY. END EXCERPT.

3. THE SUN: "SOVIETS STILL A THREAT, WHITE HOUSE SAYS," BY KAREN HOSLER.

BEGIN EXCERPT: THE USSR'S FAILURE SO FAR TO SHRINK ITS MASSIVE MILITARY EFFORT CONCERNED PRESIDENT REAGAN AND ALL THE U.S. NEGOTIATORS AT LAST WEEK'S SUPERPOWER SUMMIT IN MOSCOW, WHITE HOUSE OFFICIALS SAID YESTERDAY. ALTHOUGH MR. REAGAN TOOK A PARTICULARLY UPBEAT APPROACH AT THE CLOSE OF THE SUMMIT AND REFRAINED FROM ANY ATTACKS ON SOVIET LEADER MIKHAIL S. GORBACHEV, THE U.S. DELEGATION WAS KEENLY AWARE THAT MR. GORBACHEV'S POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC REFORMS HAVE NOT DIMINISHED THE SOVIET MILITARY THREAT, SAID PRESIDENTIAL SPOKESMAN MARLIN FITZWATER. END EXCERPT. ARMACOST
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